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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

[0022] Figure 1 illustrates a torsion bar spring 11 according to one embodiment of the present invention, having seven individual rods 12, which are superposed in the greatest possible packing density with surface contact. The longitudinal axis A of the spring 11 is at the same time the geometric middle line of the spring body or bundle of rods comprising the rods 12. A spring of the type shown here is preferably used as torsion bar spring; however, its use also or at the same time as a spiral spring is not excluded. With each shape change for the spring body, surface friction occurs between the individual rods 12, so that additional damping occurs as a result of surface friction for inner damping in the spring steel.

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] Figure 2 illustrates a spring 21, assembled from a bundle of individual rods 22, with two terminal pieces 23, 24. The terminal pieces 23, 24 have central openings as recesses 25, 26, into which the bundle of spring rods 22 is inserted. In this case the individual rods 22 can be welded together, for example, at one end and inserted into the opening 26 in the terminal element 24, thus preventing any axial movement between the rods 22. At the other end, the rods 22 can be moved slightly axially towards each other in the opening 25 and relative to the terminal piece 23 because they are merely clamped into the terminal piece 23. Of course, both of the ends can remain free as or both can be welded depending upon the relative axial play desired between the rods 22.